

BEELEY PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

For the meeting on Monday 18th September 2017 in the Cavendish Village Hall, Beeley

Councillors present:	Chris Hornsby Bob Damarell Pete Rowbotham	Robert Webster	Apologies:	Cllr Siobhan Spencer PCSO Ian Phipps (Derbyshire Constabulary) Cllr Jason Atkins (DCC)
Others:	Cllr Susan Hobson (DDDC) Sarah Porter			Cllr Kath Potter (Peak Park)

PART 1 – NON CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Report / Action Required

1. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Siobhan Spencer, PCSO Ian Phipps, Cllr Jason Atkins, Cllr Susan Hobson and Cllr Kath Potter
2. There were no Declaration of Members Interests and including for dispensations from members on matters in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest.
3. Public speaking:
 - Nick Wood and Gavin Williams – Nick thanked the meeting for giving them the opportunity to talk informally about a plan to change the house opposite the pub, which has recently become vacant, to pub accommodation. With 17 let bedrooms the pub would be more sustainable. It is felt the cottage is not ideal for family accommodation as it is a high traffic area, people park in front of it and is opposite the pub. Nick understands it won't be received positively by all but the Estate do try and look at the area and what it is best for each property they own. The Estate has 31 houses in Beeley of which 17 are let, 14 are staff or pensioners on full concession or affordable rents. The Estate owns Duke's Barn, the Village Hall, Workshops (used currently for storage), the café and pub. They feel in the round they support the village well. The Estate and pub felt it important to be up front and explain to the Parish Council prior to putting an application in for change of use. Gavin added that he felt this is a good news story and for the future of the pub, it is important to grow. Will employees be from the village? Need to apply but like to support the local community.
Concern over parking was expressed. It is proposed to have 5 spaces within the garden of the house.
Whilst an individual property does not affect the precept much; there is a bigger issue on precept effect. The current precept is £4,158 with a potential number of households of 87 with 65 in the village environs. Owner occupied is 20, tenanted not to Chatsworth is 9, Chatsworth tenants 22, pub has 5 houses, 5 are second homes and 4 are holiday homes. Don't get anything from business rates. 8% second homes are higher than national average. There is also a higher than average single occupancy (about 14% average is 6%) and got 1 split home – 3 households paying 1 Council Tax. If all paid the same it would be £47 per house. Most are in a higher band. If all paid full amount £1,600 extra for the Parish Council to spend on the village or £17 less each on our council tax. Time to think about what can do. What about raising a village levy? It was felt this is the same problem in other villages in Peak District. Wetton is a similar story. Majority of Chatsworth properties are let to tenants but some are holiday cottages and then 15 extra private holiday cottages then affect the village.
Chatsworth does help out with £500 each year to the Parish Council to help with maintenance. They have restored the village hall roof and invest a lot in their own properties.
Cllr Webster explained he had lived in the Parish for 68 years. He worked on the first renovation of the pub and some houses. Then the village was a hive of activity. Now it is not buzzing as a village and appreciate the commercial aspect is important. He is concerned that in the winter months everything is empty.
The pub has high occupancy even outside of the traditional tourist trade.
No intention of trying to spoil the village.
The pub was asked to better support the village events and school. The pubs in Beeley and Pilsley do want to support events. Please ask.
There was then a discussion about room rates. The cheapest deal has been through Groupon £140 for dinner, bed and breakfast in January, February and March.
There are no plans to change any other estate houses to pub accommodation.
 - Cllr Susan Hobson – RHS Liaison meeting date has been set for 12th October and Eroica representative is coming to the next meeting in November.
4. No items from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded.

5. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th July 2017 were approved.
6. Matters Arising (non decision making)
 - Playing Field was discussed under Item 8
 - Church Car Park was discussed under Item 9
 - Finance was discussed under Item 10
 - Planning applications were discussed under Item 11
 - Correspondence actioned as minuted
 - Eroica – Marco Mori, the event director, will come to November’s meeting
7. Cavendish Village Hall, Beeley
 - Due to Cllr Spencer being away, this was deferred until November’s meeting. The Parish Council asked that any lease is circulated in advance of the meeting. Clerk
8. Playing Field
 - Rospa update (Cllr Webster has been unable to complete his tasks but will when fully recovered):
 - Picnic table has been moved but is moved back by users. Clerk moved it on 3rd September. It was agreed to look at buying a new one in the Spring and that Cllr Webster will remove this one and see if it can be repaired Clerk
Cllr Webster
 - The basketball surfacing needs repairing – This has been discussed previously and will be done as part of the Church Car Park project
 - The basketball hoop has been bent back. As a low use area will look to replace in the future but not immediately
 - Climbing frame post is loose in the ground – Cllr Webster will undertake this
 - Sign on climbing equipment to be replaced or a sign added to the entrance – Clerk
 - Approved new wording on the main sign:
 WELCOME TO BEELEY PLAYING FIELD
 Please look after your playing field. The Parish Council inspect the play area regularly but if you spot a fault please contact the Parish Council Clerk on 01629 732365
 There is a range of equipment for different ages.
 In the event of an accident the nearest Minor Injuries Unit is at the Whitworth Hospital at Darley Dale and the nearest Accident and Emergency is at Chesterfield Royal Hospital
 The postcode for the playing field is DE4 2NR
 NO DOGS, MOTORBIKES, CARS OR HORSES ALLOWED
 Pictures for the no items.
 - Junior swing seat needs replacing – this will be done by Cllr Webster
 - Bearings on the swings need addressing as becoming stiff – this will be carried out by Cllr Webster
 - Grass under the swings – the Clerk, Steve Porter and Jane Hornsby undertook this at the start of the Summer holidays. This has bedded in well and beginning to grow grass
 - Inspections – Clerk has undertaken these and nothing further to the above to note. Cllr Webster will continue to undertake the inspections.
9. Church Car Park
 - St Anne’s PCC has agreed to contribute to this project.
 - Agreed to apply to the Duke’s Charitable Trust for a grant Clerk
 - There was a discussion about which quote to use and it was agreed to go for the one that looks more like natural stone than tarmac and normal tarmac for the playground and basketball hoop.
 - There was also a discussion about paths and repairs to the edges. Clerk to speak to Cllr Atkins. Clerk
10. Finance and Audit
 - Audit returned. Comment that governance and accounting statements shouldn’t be signed at the same time.
 - Accounts to 4th September 2017 were noted
 - S137 requests – £200 for the Village Hall woodwork – Following a discussion it was agreed to defer this until the next meeting Clerk
 - New expenditure approved: Clerk
 - Cheque 22189 – Clerk Pay and Expenses - £169.18
 - Cheque 22190 – Ground maintenance - £270
 - Cheque 22191 – External Audit - £120 (VAT £20)
 - Expenditure noted - None
 - New income noted:
 - Car Park box – £21 in August and £25 in September
 - Interest - £0.60 and £0.62
11. Planning Applications
New - None

Enforcement - None

Existing:

- NP/DDD/0317/0204 – Burntwood Quarry - The variation of planning conditions 13, 18, 19, 27, 40, 64, 65, 66 and 68 of planning permission NP/DDD/0513/0392 to extend the date by which removal of minerals from the site shall cease to 30 years from the commencement of development, to increase the gross weight of lorries used to transport stone to a maximum of 26 tonnes, and to provide for the safe placement of quarry spoil for the reclamation of Burntwood Quarry, Beeley

12. Correspondence:

- Derbyshire Dales District Council's Area Community Forums - October / November 2017 were noted
- Snow warden scheme – It was agreed to sign up again and ask for a pallet of grit Clerk

13. Feedback from Meetings and Training - None

14. 2018 Meeting dates:

- 15th January 2018
- 16th July 2018
- 19th March 2018 – Parish Meeting
- 17th September 2018
- 14th May 2018
- 19th November 2018

15. For information –

- Ashover Neighbourhood Plan Consultation – Consultation ended on 31st August

16. DALC Circulars (all circulated by email):

- Circular 10- 2017 - DALC Survey - Derbyshire Cllr in final 8 of NALC Cllr of year awards - HR responsibilities & appraisals - Big Lottery Fund - Win 40k match funding - Heritage Lottery - Gen Data Protection Regs - PAT testing - Litter Innovation Fund
- Circular 9 2017 - DALC AGM - New General Data Protection Regs - DALC's new offices - Local Councils Explained for £10 - HR Advice statutory breaks for employees - Report, Voice of the Councillor - Legal Briefing - £13M Woodland Grant confirm

17. Reading (circulated by email):

- Santander Statement (paper)
- Clerks and Councils Direct magazine (paper)
- Derbyshire County Council Scams Bulletin - 29 August 2017
- Citizens Advice Derbyshire Districts - Derbyshire Dales Quarter 1 Report
- Derbyshire County Council Scams Awareness Bulletin
- Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter
- Rowsley Parish Council Agenda Papers
- Rural Matters Newsletter
- Weekly Rural News Digest
- Rural Opportunities Bulletins, Newsletter and Press releases - Rural Services Network
- Peak Park Authority Press Releases
- Derbyshire Dales District Council Press Releases
- Police Alerts

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS - All meetings held at 7.30pm in the Village Hall - MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

- 20th November 2017